

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 631

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Paula Wade and Ken Love on the birth of their first child, Matthew Wade Love.

WHEREAS, Matthew Wade Love entered this world in a most vocal manner during the wee hours of February 18, 1998 at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville. He weighed in at a healthy 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was an impressive 19 ½ inches long; and

WHEREAS, his proud parents are Paula Caroline Wade and Kenneth Christopher Love, who were married on February 12, 1994 in the midst of Nashville's worst ice storm in 40 years; and

WHEREAS, this "icy" beginning to their life together did not prove to be a dark and forbidding omen of future marital strife; they have lived happily ever since as husband and wife, or at least that's their story, and they're sticking to it; and

WHEREAS, bouncing baby boy Matthew is fortunate to have inherited his mother's beautiful chestnut hair; he is doing quite well in all aspects of his personal and professional life, thank you very much, but Mom and Dad are suffering from severe sleep deprivation; and

WHEREAS, Paula Wade is a Nashville correspondent for the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*. Ken Love is a mastering engineer for MasterMix studios in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Paula was born in Cookeville, Tennessee in 1961, but moved to Memphis with her family as a child, and grew up there. She is the daughter of Dr. Walter Wilson Wade and Mrs. Marjorie Bell Carnahan Wade; and

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WHEREAS, Paula is a 1979 graduate of White Station High School in Memphis and a 1983 graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she was awarded the Bachelor of Science degree in journalism and was a member of Sigma Delta Chi; and

WHEREAS, she interned at the *Nashville Banner* in 1982 and then at the *Memphis Press-Scimitar* in 1983; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the summer, Paula was offered a full-time job with the *Press-Scimitar*, but a few weeks later, as luck would have it, the newspaper announced that it was ceasing publication; and

WHEREAS, thus it appeared that her bright and burgeoning career in journalism would come to a screeching halt before it had ever begun, but Paula was truly destined to become a modern-day Lois Lane, as time would tell; and

WHEREAS, in a fateful job interview later at *The Commercial Appeal*, (thinking that she didn't have a chance for a job there anyway) the forthright Ms. Wade told then-Editor Michael Grehl that his newspaper was bloated and did a poor job of covering the city; he liked her spunk and he certainly couldn't argue with her premise, so he hired her; and

WHEREAS, when the *Press-Scimitar* closed on October 31, 1983, she immediately transferred to its bloated rival, *The Commercial Appeal*; ever since that fateful day, she has been working with intelligence and conviction to make this worthy newspaper a lean, mean journalistic machine; and

WHEREAS, at *The Commercial Appeal*, she worked on the business, neighbors and county government beats before transferring, in October, 1989, to the newspaper's Nashville Bureau, where she has earned a dual reputation for her hard-hitting, uncompromising approach to covering state government and her extremely irritating political correctness; and

WHEREAS, after she had been on the job in the state capital for less than a year, Paula Wade's journalistic expertise and professional dedication were appropriately recognized when

she received the 1990 Best Deadline Reporting Award from the Tennessee Associated Press Managing Editors Association; and

WHEREAS, a mere five years later, she and her husband, Ken captured the coveted First Annual Egg Toss Award, presented by Governor Don Sundquist, for the loving couple's incredible hand-to-eye coordination as undisputed champions of the egg tossing competition held at Far Hills, the Governor's Residence, thus proving that her journalism awards were no fluke; and

WHEREAS, the AP and Egg Toss Awards both occupy places of prominence (behind her miniature California Raisins collection) in the orderly and pristine Paula C. Wade cubicle, which is fashionably located in the back corner of the hallowed Legislative Plaza pressroom; and

WHEREAS, in November 1997, Paula was awarded the Annual Certificate of Merit by the Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations for her astute and thoughtful coverage of mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, Ken Love was born in Washington D.C. in 1962, but spent his formative years in Annandale, Virginia. He is the son of John Duncan Love of Cleveland, Ohio and Nina Simonsen Love of Hicksville, New York; and

WHEREAS, the aptly named Mr. Love is a 1985 graduate of Oberlin College; his many and nefarious hobbies include high-powered rocketry and avoiding speed traps; and

WHEREAS, the Wade-Loves are members of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, and are urban pioneers on the East Nashville frontier (which other locals affectionately refer to as "the wrong side of the river"); and

WHEREAS, Paula formerly listed her hobbies as entertaining, reading, cooking, and chocolate consumption; she presently enjoys arising from bed at 2:00 a.m. to feed the always ravenous Matthew and changing tons of dirty diapers on a daily basis; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate the most estimable newshound of the entire Capitol Hill Press Corps, Paula Wade and her irrefutably patient and devoted husband, Ken Love on the birth of their first child, Matthew Wade Love, and express our most sincere hope that Mom and Dad get a decent night's sleep very soon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.